

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

Department of Natural Resources
Division of Mining, Land, and Water

TO: Michael Menge, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

DATE: 11/22/2005

THRU: Richard H. Mylius, Acting Director
Division of Mining, Land & Water

THRU: Kerwin Krause^{KK}, Geologist IV
Mining Section

THRU: Holly Hill, Manager III ^{HRH}
Land Sales & Contract Administration Section

FROM: Chris Grundman, Natural Resource Specialist II
Remote Recreational Cabin Sites

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SUBJECT: Commissioner's Finding
Mineral Order NO. 1043 - Closed

The Division of Mining, Land, and Water requests approval of the attached mineral order to close approximately 163.86 acres of subsurface estate within six parcels to be included in a public, sealed bid auction. Legislative approval is not required for this action under AS 38.05.300 because the mineral order is for a land disposal.

The parcels will be closed to mineral entry and location in accordance with AS 38.05.185 for a land disposal. The parcels need to be closed to avoid potential conflicts with surface and subsurface use of the land. Mining activity would be incompatible with the past, current, and proposed surface uses for land disposals on these parcels. To allow mineral location could create serious conflicts between surface and potential subsurface users.

The land does not contain any known mineral deposits and has not been selected for mineral values. There are no state mining claims within the project boundaries.

Public notice under AS 38.05.945 was completed on January 14, 2005. No objections or adverse comments were received during the response period regarding the mineral closing order from the public or agencies that were notified of the proposed action.

The Division of Mining, Land and Water recommends approval of this mineral closure. Attached for your reference is a copy of the Final Finding and Decision for the proposed offering.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

FINDING OF THE COMMISSIONER
MINERAL ORDER No. 1043
AS 38.05.185(a)

Pursuant to AS 38.05.035, the Division of Mining, Land, and Water has issued a final finding and decision dated November 22, 2005 to offer land for sale through a public, sealed bid auction and to close six parcels to mineral entry. The parcels are within the Southcentral Region. The attached Mineral Order lists the legal descriptions for each parcel that must be closed to mineral entry.

The Division of Mining, Land, and Water has requested the subsurface estate of the land identified in the attached, be closed to mineral entry and location in accordance with AS 38.05.300 for a land disposal. Mining activity on the parcels would be incompatible with the current and proposed surface uses on state land. To allow mineral location on these parcels could create serious conflicts between surface and potential subsurface users.

In accordance with AS 38.05.185(a), I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by closure of the land described in this mineral closing order to entry under the mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Menge", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael Menge, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

November 22, 2005

Date

State of Alaska
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND, AND WATER

MINERAL ORDER NO. 1043

 X Closing Lands to Mineral Entry Opening Lands to Mineral Entry

I. Name: **Southcentral Region Area Odd Lots – Public Sealed Bid Auction**

II. This mineral order is based on the attached Finding of the Commissioner and the written justification contained in the following:

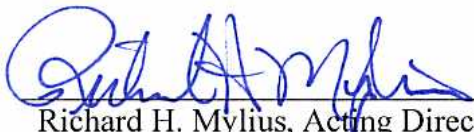
- A. Final Finding and Decision dated November 22, 2005
- B. Susitna Area Plan, adopted June 1985
- C. Copper Basin Area Plan, adopted December 1986

III. Legal Description:

| ADL | MTRS | SURVEY | ACRES | SUBDIVISION NAME | LOT - ALIQUOT PART |
|--------|-------------|-------------|--------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 229210 | C004N002W22 | ASLS 79-250 | 8.270 | Glennallen II Subdivision | 21 |
| 228892 | S025N005W15 | USRS | 44.900 | Susitna River Odd Lot | 1 |
| 228893 | S025N005W15 | USRS | 17.790 | Susitna River Odd Lot | 2 |
| 228894 | S025N005W15 | USRS | 12.550 | Susitna River Odd Lot | 5 |
| 228896 | S025N005W22 | USRS | 40.000 | Susitna River Odd Lot | SW1/4NE1/4 |
| 228898 | S025N005W22 | USRS | 40.350 | Susitna River Odd Lot | NE1/4SE1/4 |

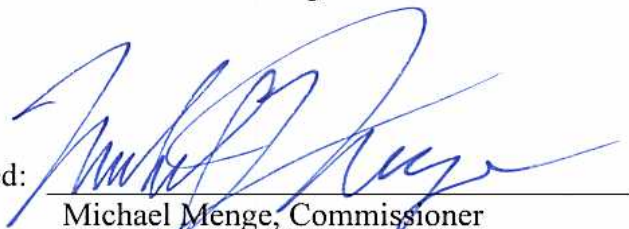
IV. Mineral Closing: This mineral order is subject to valid existing rights and is issued under the authority granted by AS 38.05.185 – AS 38.05.275 to the Department of Natural Resources. In accordance with AS 38.05.185(a), I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by closure of the land described in this mineral closing order to entry under the mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska. The above-described lands are hereby closed to entry under the locatable mineral and mining laws of the State of Alaska.

Concur:


Richard H. Mylius, Acting Director
Division of Mining, Land & Water

November 22, 2005
Date

Approved:


Michael Menge, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

November 22, 2005
Date